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## VOLUME 33 | DATE 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well.

### **Mental Health Week**

It's mental health week this week and the focus is on loneliness. It's really important that we check on people who are vulnerable and lonely so a challenge to call, visit or just say 'hi' to someone you normally would not is a good start. Loneliness can lead to other wellbeing issues and poor mental health, sometimes a person experiencing loneliness is not able to reach out and try fix it themselves so a helping hand from others is necessary. This week be aware of those around you and spread some sociability where you can! Maybe it is time to reconnect with someone you have lost touch with? You never know reaching out could result in you gaining a valuable new friendship! Students this week are being encouraged to be kind and actively look to alleviate loneliness in those around them.

### **School Holiday Dates**

We are currently having an increase in family holidays being taken during term time. We understand that there have been difficult times due to Covid and you may not have had a family holiday for the past two years, however, ensuring students are in school and learning is a high priority. We ask for your full support that any holidays are not taken during the school term. We would also like to remind parent/carers that we will not authorise any holidays taken during half term unless it is exceptional circumstances. Please see the term dates for this academic year <https://bit.ly/3KZX6pE>

### **Walking day**

Walking day is taking place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. If your child would like to walk please ask them to collect a letter from Mrs Mawby.

### **Medication for students**

As a school we are unable to provide any medication to children. This includes paracetamols and hay fever tablets which are sometimes requested. We do not have the capacity to respond to these requests in terms of staffing and resources. Furthermore, children should ensure that they bring in any medication for the school day should they require it e.g. if they are prescribed medicine to take. If medication requires safe storage in the day then the pastoral team will support. If a child becomes unwell at school to the extent that they are unable to concentrate in lessons we will always call home to arrange for parents/carers to collect their child. Should

you have any questions related to the above please contact Mr. C. Kinsey, Deputy Headteacher at [ckinsey@boteler.org.uk](mailto:ckinsey@boteler.org.uk).

### **Mathematical Education**

Congratulations to all students who entered the Mathematical Education on Merseyside Challenge. Congratulations especially to Bea Fox who won best in school for the Year 8 or Below group, and Manya Sri Sandolu who won best in school for the Year 10 or Below group, and who has also been invited to attend an evening at the University of Liverpool to receive a Certificate of Merit.

### **Chester University Trip**

20 Year 9 students visited Chester University this week and took part in workshops with Higher Horizons. The workshops were based on team building and looking at options post 16. They will now begin a project based on University societies for the next 6 weeks.

### **Year 11 Information**

From the 25<sup>th</sup> May Warrington Vale Royal College will be running transition tours every other Wednesday until the 7<sup>th</sup> July. The tours provide school leavers with the opportunity to meet with the School Engagement Team for a tour of the campus/facilities and to discuss their course of interest. Please see details on the following link: [Transition Tours | Warrington & Vale Royal College \(wvr.ac.uk\)](https://www.wvr.ac.uk/transition-tours)

### **French GCSE**

The French GCSE listening and reading papers will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. Links to past paper questions and quizzlet vocabulary quizzes have been uploaded to TEAMS under Class Materials in Files. Please encourage your child to access these revision materials in order to prepare for the exams.

### **Sport Fixtures and Clubs**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Athletics Track and Field events. All Years. 3-4pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Year 10 Rugby at Sir Thomas Boteler.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Year 8 Rugby tournament at Sir Thomas Boteler.

Summer Sports. All Years welcome

### **Central 6 Street Plan**

The central 6 street plan project is planned to go live on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. Warrington Borough Council will be writing to all residents in the vicinity of the project, however we would like to share the attached letter with you in case you do not live within the scheme boundary. As previously communicated, these plans may have an impact on your travel to and from school. <https://bit.ly/3M7tVIG>

### **Year 11 GCSE Exams**

The Year 11 GCSE exams begin on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. All of Year 11 have been waiting for this moment to shine. The exam season this year lasts for over 5 weeks. It is important that Year 11 continue to revise and prepare for all their exams during this period. Students should be spending, on average, 2 hours each evening revising.

Please see below the Year 11 Exam Revision Timetable for the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Students need to be in school to attend Period 0 which starts at 8:15. Please ensure

your child attends school with all the required equipment including scientific calculator every day from Monday.

	Date	Period One	Period Two	Period Three	Period Four	Period Five	Period 6	Subjects Complete
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>Mon 16 May</b>	Option Block A Religious Studies (1hr 45)	Maths	Option Block D Computer Science Rev	Science Computer Science (Computer Systems) (1hr 30)	English Science Rev		
	<b>Tue 17 May</b>	11H1/11H4 English 11H2/11H3 RE Combined Science: Biology Paper 1 (1hr 15) Triple Biology: Paper 1 (1hr 45)	Option Block C	Option Block A	Maths	History/Geography English Lang rev	French Design and Technology	
	<b>Wed 18 May</b>	Science English Language: Paper 1 (1hr 45)	11H1/11H4 RE 11H2/11H3 English	Maths	Science	History/Geography	Geography History	
	<b>Thu 19 May</b>	Core PE History (Medicine in Britain) (1hr 15)	Option Block D	Science	Option Block A Italian Listening (45 min) Italian Reading (1 hr) Maths Rev	English Maths Rev	Enterprise Design and Technology	
	<b>Fri 20 May</b>	11H1/11H4 English 11H2/11H3 RE Maths Paper 1: Non Calculator (1hr 30)	Option Block D	11H1/H4 RE 11H2/H3 English	Option Block C Chinese Listening (45 min) Chinese Reading (1hr 5)	Maths Geography Rev	Triple Science Computer Science	

### New SENDCo

As you are aware Mrs Harrison left us for a promotion at Easter. We have been through a recruitment process and I am pleased to inform you that Ms Power has been appointed as the new SENDCo. Ms Power is extremely well qualified but has also had a huge amount of experience with SEND students through being the Lead Teacher in our Designated Provision. I am sure you will welcome her to this new position. I am also looking at developing and expanding our successful SEND Department and there will be some exciting opportunities and changes in the future.

### Changes to lunch time due to GCSE Examination

From Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, up to and including Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022 lunch from 12.05 -12.50 Monday to Thursday and on a Friday 12.25-13.00. There may be changes to lunchtime due to Sports Day but this will be communicated out nearer the time.

Have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes



Beverley Scott –Herron  
**Headteacher**